

REMARKS

These remarks are responsive to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002.

Claims 1-39 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-39 are rejected. Claims 1-39 remain pending in the present Application. For the reasons set forth more fully below, Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims are allowable. Consequently, reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

The present invention is a method and system for accessing information on a network wherein the network comprises a first system and a second system. The method and system comprise allowing the first system to submit a query to the second system, processing the query with the second system, wherein the second system utilizes information not residing on the second system to process the query and utilizing the second system to return a result of the processed query to the first system.

35 USC §102

The Examiner states:

Claims 1-39 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Raz U.S. Patent no. 6,292,827.

Regarding claim 1, Raz discloses a method for accessing information on a network, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) allowing a first system to submit a query to a second system;
- b) processing the query with the second system, wherein the second system utilizes information not residing on the second system to process the query; and
- c) utilizing the second system to return a result of the processed query to the first system.

Claims 1, 14, 27

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection. The present invention in varying scope of the independent claims is a method and system for accessing information on a network wherein the network comprises a first system and a second

system. The method and system comprise allowing the first system to submit a query to the second system, processing the query with the second system, wherein the second system utilizes information not residing on the second system to process the query and utilizing the second system to return a result of the processed query to the first system.

The Examiner asserts that Raz anticipates the present invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Raz discloses a method for transferring data over a network. The method includes establishing a data communication between client terminals and servers, generating a database of characteristic data associated with the client terminals and servers, and dynamically distributing data between the client terminals and servers as a function of the characteristic data stored in the database *such that a portion of the distributed data resides at the client terminals and another portion resides at the servers*. (See summary of Raz.) Hence, Raz teaches the processing of data that resides at the client terminal and the server. This is clearly different from the present invention of independent claims 1, 14 and 27.

As described above, the present invention recites “allowing a first system to submit a query to a second system ... processing the query with the second system, **wherein the second system utilizes information not residing on the second system to process the query...**” Raz, on the other hand, teaches the processing of data that resides at the client terminal (first system) *and* the server (second system). Applicant accordingly asserts that processing a query (from a first system) with a second system, **wherein the second system utilizes information not residing on the second system to process the query**, as recited in the present invention, is clearly different from the

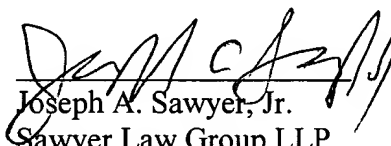
processing of data that resides at a client terminal (first system) *and* a server (second system), as taught by Raz.

Consequently, the cooperation of elements recited in the independent claims is clearly different from the disclosure as taught by Raz. Applicant asserts that the recited invention of claims 1, 14 and 27 is patentable thereover.

Since claims 2-13, 15-26 and 28-39 are respectively dependent on claims 1, 14 and 27, the above-articulated arguments related to claims 1, 14 and 27 apply with equal force to claims 2-13, 15-26 and 28-39. Accordingly, claims 2-13, 15-26 and 28-39 are also allowable over the cited reference.

Accordingly, Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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